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SUBJ: CONTINUED DETENTION NOEL/MOORE MURDERERS IN EGYPT

REF: KHARTOUM 3411

1. APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR BREWER'S STRESSING TO MINSTATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS DENG THAT ANY EARLY RELEASE OF NOEL/MOORE MURDERERS NOW UNDER DETENTION IN EGYPT WOULD IMPACT ADVERSELY ON OUR RELATIONS WITH EGYPT. SUDANESE SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED SIMPLY WASH THEIR HANDS OF THIS MATTER. FAHMY HAS TOLD ME IN THE PAST THAT GOE IS UNDER PRESSURE FROM BOTH THE PLO (SPECIFICALLY ARAFAT AND ABU IYAD) AND SOMETIMES FROM THE SUDANESE GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE TO KHARTOUM 8. FROM WHAT FAHMY HAS SAID, WHEN DIRECT PLO APPROACHES TO GOE HAVE FAILED, PLO HAS ON OCCASION URGED SUDANESE GOVERNMENT TO PRESS EGYPT TO RELEASE THE MURDERERS. HE WAS VAGUE ON THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE SUDANESE HAVE COMPLIED.

2. TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE, KHARTOUM 8 REMAIN UNDER DETENTION IN EGYPT. DURING RECENT VISIT OF HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE (CODEL FLOWERS), SADAT WAS ASKED ABOUT GOE ANTI-TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. SADAT STATED GOE CONDEMNS TERRORISM AND FIRST POINT HE CITED AS EVIDENCE OF GOE STANCE WAS THE FACT THAT THE KHARTOUM 8 REMAIN IN PRISION IN EGYPT. SADAT

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NOTED GOE AND HE PERSONALLY ARE UNDER INTENSE

PRESSURE FROM VARIOUS UNSPECIFIED SOURCES TO
RELEASE THEM, BUT HE STATED CATEGORICALLY THAT EGYPT
WILL NOT DO SO.

3. DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION INVITED TO CAIRO'S 15415
FOR FULL ACCOUNT OF SADAT/CODEL FLOWERS MEETING.
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